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Zero Tolerance for Fraudulent Conduct in County Services

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Purpose

To establish a policy throughout the County of San Diego that fraud will not be tolerated in County government.

Background

The Board of Supervisors and County Officials strive to protect against all improprieties in public programs and services. Integrity in the administration of County programs and services must exist to ensure the public's trust. Numerous actions have been taken to prevent and deter fraud and abuse, which demonstrate commitment to protecting the public interest in essential public programs and services. This policy declares the Board of Supervisors intent that there shall be Zero Tolerance for fraud in County programs and services.

Definitions

Fraud is an intentional (1) perversion of truth for the purpose of inducing another in reliance upon the falsehood to part with something valuable or to surrender a legal right, or (2) false representation of a matter of fact, whether by words or by conduct, by false or misleading allegations, or by concealment of that which should have been disclosed, which deceives and is intended to deceive another so that the person shall act upon it to his or her injury.

Zero Tolerance means that County officials will not tolerate fraud in County government and shall take appropriate action, up to and including removal of an officer or employee from County service or the cancellation of a contract, when the officer, employee, or contractor of the County has committed fraud in connection with the administration of County programs or the provision of County services.

Policy

It is the policy of the Board of Supervisors that:

1. There shall be Zero Tolerance for fraud committed by County officers, employees, or contractors in the administration of County programs and the provision of County services. This Zero Tolerance for Fraud Policy shall be reflected in all County programs, including legislative activity, eligibility procedures, applicant identification, employee training, and supervision.

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2.appointing authorities of the County will not tolerate fraud in County government and shall take appropriate action, up to and including removal from county service, when any officer or employee of the County is found to have committed fraud in connection with the administration of County programs or the provision of County services.

3.Contracts between the County and independent contractors which provide for the independent contractors to administer county programs or provide County Services shall include provisions for the cancellation of the contract by the County when there are proven instances of fraud committed by the independent contractors in connection with their performance under the contract. The appropriate County officials overseeing these contracts will not tolerate fraud in County government and shall take appropriate action, up to and including the cancellation of contracts, when independent contractors are found to have committed fraud in connection with their performance under the contract.

Sunset Date

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by July 1, 2001.

Board Action

June 21, 1994 Adopted Policy A-120